

Get a kit. Make a plan. Be informed.

It's important to prepare for possible disasters and other emergencies. Natural and human-caused disasters can strike suddenly, at anytime and anywhere. There are certain actions everyone can take that can help make a difference.



American Red Cross
South Carolina Region

Be Red Cross Ready Checklist

- I know what emergencies or disasters are most likely to occur in my community.
- I have a family disaster plan and have practiced it.
- I have an emergency-preparedness kit.
- At least one member of my household is trained in first aid and CPR/AED.
- Download the American Red Cross Emergency App.
- Join the American Red Cross as a Disaster Relief Volunteer by visiting <http://www.redcross.org/volunteer>.**

Get a kit

- 1 gallon of water per person per day
- 3-day supply of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food
- Medical items
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Copies of personal documents
- Cell phone with chargers
- Family and emergency contact information
- Maps of the area

Do you know you need smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside sleeping areas and on every level of your home?

If you need smoke alarms, please contact your local fire department or the American Red Cross (833-722-5276) to have someone come and install FREE smoke alarms in your home.

Make a plan

- Meet with your household members; discuss how to prepare for emergencies likely to happen where you live, learn, work and play.
- Identify responsibilities for each family member.
- Choose two places to meet, if separated by an emergency:
 - Right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, such as fire.
 - Outside your neighborhood, in case you cannot return home or are asked to evacuate.
- Choose out-of-area emergency contact; all household members should have emergency-contact information in writing or in their cell phones.

Plan what to do if you must evacuate

- Decide what route you would take and how you would get there.
- Practice evacuating home twice a year.
- Plan for your pets. Keep a phone list of pet-friendly hotels/motels and animal shelters.

Be informed

- Identify how local authorities will notify you during a disaster and how you will get information, whether through local radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio stations. Know the difference between different weather alerts, such as watches and warnings, and what actions to take in each.

To learn more about disaster preparedness, email scdcsprepare@redcross.org or visit www.redcross.org/southcarolina

The American Red Cross is currently recruiting Disaster Relief Volunteers in your community. To learn more visit redcross.org/volunteer